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New Born Care Units
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the shortage of Special New Born Care Units, New Born Stabilization Units and New Born Care Corners is the main reason for the increase in infant mortality in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such units at present and the number of beds in each of them;

(c) the number of new units set up during the last two years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen and to provide infrastructure in such units?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): No, Infant Mortality Rate in the country has shown steady decline from 47 per 1000live births in 2010 to 40 per 1000 live births in 2013.

(b): Currently, there are 602 Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU), 2228 New born Stabilization Units (NBSU) and 16968 Newborn Care Corners (NBCC) established across the country. SNCU is a 12-20 bedded unit and NBSU is 4 bedded unit for care of sick newborn. NBCC is an earmarked area at delivery points equipped with radiant warmer and resuscitation kit to provide essential newborn care.

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(c): Details of the new units are as under:

S.No	Year	SNCU	NBSU	NBCC
1	Existing in 2013-14	525	1761	14099
2	Added in 14-15	40	143	64
3	Added in 2015 till date	37	324	2805

(d): 1. Under the National Health Mission, states submit their annual plans and funds from GOI are provided for establishing new units, renovations and expansion of existing units and once established the operational costs for these units. The support is also extended for recruiting human resources of all cadres and capacity building of medical officers and staff nurses. The procurement and maintenance support for equipment is also included in the annual budgets. Kangaroo Mother Care Units for care of small babies are being established in the country at the district level with the support from GOI.

2. Promoting Institutional delivery through Janani Suraksha Yojna (JSY) cash incentive scheme for pregnant mothers and Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK) which entitles all pregnant women and sick infant to absolutely free and no expense treatment at the public health facilities.

3. Facility Based Newborn Care (FBNC) training is being imparted to the specialist, medical officers and nurses working in the Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) established at the district and sub district level to provide comprehensive care to the sick and preterm babies. FBNC training package is of 4 day classroom training followed by 14 day observer ship for hands on training at designated centres.

4. Navjat Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (NSSK) is the training programme for doctors, nurses and ANMs to build their capacity to provide essential newborn care to all newborns.

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